

Wyoming Swimming Inc.
House of Delegates Meeting
July 16, 2022
Gillette Aquatic Center

Emily Swett, WYSI BOD General Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:27 pm. Emily reminded the group of general meeting protocol.

Roll call of teams was completed by Sarah Delay, WYSI Vice Chair. Below are the results of the roll call.

WYSI Clubs and Attendance Status:

Club Name/Affiliation	Present?	Name of Voting Member (s)
Buffalo	Yes	Caleb Cohoon
Casper	Yes	Carrie Lebsock
Cody	Yes	Luke Murray
Cheyenne	Yes	Jason Garman
Jackson	Yes	Tracy Haling
Lander	Yes	Kyle Jorgenson
Riverton	Yes	Steve Bang
Gillette	Yes	Holly Campbell
Converse County	Yes	BJ Harris
High Altitude Swim Club	Yes	Kristin Olsen
Kemmerer	Yes	Roy Runnion
Laramie	Yes	Shawna Bellman
Newcastle	Yes	Teresa Gross
Powell	Yes	Jerry Rodriguez
Sweetwater Aquatic Team	Yes	Lynn Clark
Worland	Yes	Hanna Stanek
Sublette	Yes	Amber Seeman
Sheridan	Yes	Brent Moore
Chadron	No	
Scottsbluff	No	
Rawlins	No	
UWYO	No	
Additional Athlete Representatives		Isabell Delay and Kobus Diver

All WYSI BOD members were present in person or via Facetime.

Jennifer Hudson-Schaff motioned to approve the HOD meeting minutes from November 2021. George Mathes seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

Proposals before WYSI HOD

- A. WYSI 2022-2023 General Budget
 - a. Daniel Diver, WYSI Treasurer explained that WYSI is required to generate an annual budget per USA Swimming and LEAP certification for each fiscal year which begins on September 1st. The 2022-2023 budget was drafted by the finance committee and was approved by the WYSI BOD during the June 2022 meeting.
 - b. There is a budget deficit of \$20,231. The revenue was predicted using historic numbers from 2017 forward. We are projecting 1650 athletes for next season. It may be higher (~1800). As of 8/31/22 WYSI has \$175,000 in cash.
 - i. \$30,000 is due to be granted back to the clubs as part of the Wyoming Business Grant that was awarded. The grant money will be distributed by August 31st (the end of the fiscal year).
 - ii. \$71,812 is required to be held in reserve, per USA Swimming.
 - iii. Actual undesignated operating funds as of 8/31/22 is \$47,000.
 - c. Declining participation is one reason that we are projected to operate at a deficit and a decrease in teams holding swim meets. Increase in travel costs for Zones meets. Increase costs for winter and summer championship meets. Increase requirements from USA Swimming to hold more coaches training and officials training.
 - d. Daniel Diver made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget. Shawna Bellman seconded the motion. Motioned carried unanimously.
- B. Discussions of WYSI BOD proposals to change the Wyoming Swimming Policies and Procedures to allow for specific fee increases.
 - a. Increase meet participation fees to \$8 and increase individual entry fees during championship meets to \$7 (a \$2 per event increase) and relays during championship meets to \$12 (a \$6 per relay increase). Increases would be effective 9/1/22.
 - b. WYSI BOD decided to increase zones fees by \$250 in 2022-2023.
 - c. The combined increases (event fees and zones fees) would result in additional \$14,000 in revenue.
 - d. A question was asked if the fees would be lowered if WYSI made it back into the “black” in the future.
 - e. Daniel Diver made the motion for the fee increases and Jill Robertson seconded. Members voted unanimously for the WYSI board fees increases as proposed.
- C. WYSI BOD’s proposes a position of a “Fundraising Committee Chair”.
 - a. Daniel Diver made a motion to create a Fundraising Chair. The question was raised, “is this a change to the bylaws or a change to the policies and procedures”. Daniel Diver then rescinded his motion in order to take more time to draft the proposal and will readdress at the November 2022 HOD meeting.
- D. Discussion on “how can WYSI support clubs” to hold swim meets.
 - a. WYSI would like to create a “strike team” to help hold swim meets.
 - b. Much discussion regarding the involvement of volunteers with clubs and needs of clubs in order to hold swim meets.
 - c. Rebecca Byram will reach out to clubs to better understand the needs of clubs to hold meets and increase participation.
- E. Proposal to bring back 8&under division to WYSI Championship Meets-proposed by BJ Harris, Converse County Waves.

- a. BJ Harris made a motion to bring 8&under age division back to championship meets, beginning in winter 2023, same format with 25 events, as if was prior to 2020. Dayna Gripp seconded the motion.
 - b. Discussion was had regarding why the 8&under group was abolished in 2020. The intent was to protect 8&under swimmers from “intense” competition. Many WYSI delegates spoke in favor of bringing 8&under division back because it gives the young swimmers a sense of success and bring together a team bond with the younger and older swimmers. Expression that 8&under group is the future of WYSI. George Mathes expressed concern for the format for the 8&under group at the championship meets to match up better with the other events.
 - c. Motion carried. Jerry Rodriguez and Daniel Diver from Powell Swim Club were opposed.
- F. Proposal to maintain slower qualifying times for WYSI Championship Meets. Proposal brought forth by WYSI BOD Q Time Committee: Emily Swett, George Mathes, Phil Rehard and Jill Robertson.
- a. George Mathes explained that the committee would like to adopt the method that was in the policies and procedures in 2019. Average of 24th place or the “B” motivational time, whichever was faster. George made the motion to adopt the method for calculation qualifying times that were in the 2019 policies and procedures for winter and summer championship meets. Jennifer Hudson-Schaff seconded the motion.
 - b. Casey Jensen with SWAT asked to offer an amendment to the language during the discussion. Casey’s amendment reads as follows: **“For events over 200 meters long, the qualifying time will be the average of the 22nd place over the last 3 years state events. If there is not a 22nd time recorded then the average of the USA Swimming National “B” and “BB” motivational times.”** Sarah Delay seconded the friendly amendment which clarified the language. The “B” motivational time was accepted. A motion was made Roy Runyon (Kemmerer) to adopt the 22nd place vs 24th and Shawna Bellman seconded it. Motioned passed. Dayna Gripp, Jennifer Hudson-Schaff, George Mathes, Daniel Diver, BJ Harris and Hannah Stanek opposed.
 - c. Vote was taken on accepting changing the Q times as read above. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion related to moving the Fall HOD meeting to a different time of year. Proposal brought forth by WYSI BOD, Emily Swett.
- a. Emily discussed holding HOD in the spring rather than the fall. This would help update polices and procedures prior to the full season beginning on September 1st.
 - b. Emily will form a committee to explore and there will be more information at the next HOD meeting.
- H. Priority Meet Discussion: See attachment for 2023 priority meet dates
- I. Vote on venue for both Winter and Summer State, 2023.
- a. Laramie will host 2023 Winter State Championship (only club that requested to host)
 - b. Gillette will host 2023 Summer State Championship
 - i. Buffalo had also submitted a request to host 2023 summer state. The vote was 16-13 in favor of Gillette.
- J. Daniel Diver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Viv Gripp seconded. All voted to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.